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VIEWPOINT

New Symbol: A Fresh, Contemporary Image

Electric cooperatives in North Carolina across the country are moving quietly to establish a new standard symbol representing elements of rural electrification.

The new emblem, reproduced in green, may already be familiar to you because it has been in use for several months at some level Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs). It has shown up on co-op vehicles, employee union letterhead and newsletters. And it has appeared in some recent co-op program ads in *North Carolina Country*.

Meanwhile, the logo is also being used as a symbol for state and local co-op organizations and utility supply operations.

It was designed for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association to serve as a graphic signature for rural electric co-ops and their allied organizations.

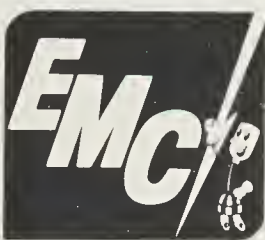
The new logo represents a significant departure from the symbols that have been various forms of common identification for co-ops over the past two decades. Two of

those symbols appear together in the emblem reproduced here in black: A block logo split by an electric bolt and Willie Wiredhand, the little character who has personified co-op power for many years.



This emblem—using the letters EMC—have identified the 28 North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations. Each one is officially an “EMC” under state statutes.

However, the logo had to include other letters elsewhere to reflect other co-op names.



Since the new logo uses no lettering, it can be a constant around the world, offering an instant visual communications link tying the co-op program together as never before.

The electric bolts clearly convey the message that the co-ops' primary purpose continues to be providing electric service. The rolling lines suggest the open spaces of rural countryside. The circle represents cooperation and unity.

All in all, the logo projects a fresh, contemporary image, reflecting the changing face of the rural electric program.

Co-op Agendas Put A Priority On Health Care

The following editorial was written by *Wendell England*, executive vice president of the *National Rural Electric Cooperative Association*.

There's something special about living in a town with wide open spaces. But when the nearest hospital is 45 miles away—like it is for a town around Center, North Dakota—having an ambulance to narrow the distance can be a matter of life and death.

Last year, when that town nearly lost its ambulance service, the local electric cooperative did something about it.

Working with the local district health officer, the Oliver Mercer Electric Co-op quickly launched a campaign to recruit volunteers to mobilize community support. Today,

people around Center have the comfort of knowing their ambulance service is ready to go in case of an emergency.

This kind of community action and leadership is what rural electrification is all about. Owned by the people they serve, the nation's 1,000 rural electric systems are “people” organizations, working with others to keep community foundations strong.

It's a given fact that adequate health care is a necessity, no matter the geographic location. But in many parts of rural America, health care systems are in critical need of attention. Rural hospitals are closing at alarming rates. Health care delivery services are severely strained.

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"Almanac" To Begin Its 10th Season

A Tar Heel tradition continues Oct. 21 at 4:30 p.m., when "Almanac" begins its 10th season on North Carolina Public Television. The series, produced by the network in conjunction with the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service, profiles the latest in Tar Heel cooking, gardening, energy conservation, home improvements, money-saving ideas and more. "Almanac" segments are repeated at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Each week host Mike Gray and his guest experts make this half-hour show a source of practical information for living the Tar Heel life little more fully. In addition, the series paints colorful profiles of folks worth getting to know and places worth planning to go.

The season opener features Sandy Dellinger of the Agricultural Extension Housing Department demonstrating the process of testing home for radon. Many people unknowingly live with the threat of this radioactive gas. The Oct. 28 program offers sensible food for thought and body. Food expert Jackie McClelland shares recipes for delicious and nutritious oatmeal quick bread.

Upcoming programs include a visit with Hillsborough's Ken Dawson, who makes a healthy living off his one-and-a-half acre organic farm.

Cover: Hiram King House, Pisgah National Forest

Our cover this month is a photo of the Hiram King House at the Cradle of Forestry in America in Pisgah National Forest near Brevard. The building served as quarters for a forest ranger and as a boarding house for forestry students between 1898 and 1909. The building is open to the public from May through October, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The photo is by Richard West of Lumberton.

Co-op Agendas Put A Priority On Health Care

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In response, electric cooperatives are helping health care providers galvanize local resources to meet those problems head-on. That's why in Arkansas, Carroll Electric Co-op sponsors a "wellness" program that augments the local hospital's services. Health "fairs" conducted by Randolph Electric Membership Corporation in North Carolina and Farmers Electric Co-op in New Mexico bring together health professionals and trained volunteers. They provide local residents with screening, referral and information services for health concerns like blood pressure, cholesterol and cancer. And to help electric co-ops initiate and coordinate local activities, their national association now operates the National Rural Health Network.

Multiply these local efforts all around the country and you can see how electric co-ops are agents of progress... organizations whose helping hand and can-do spirit touch the lives of millions of Americans.

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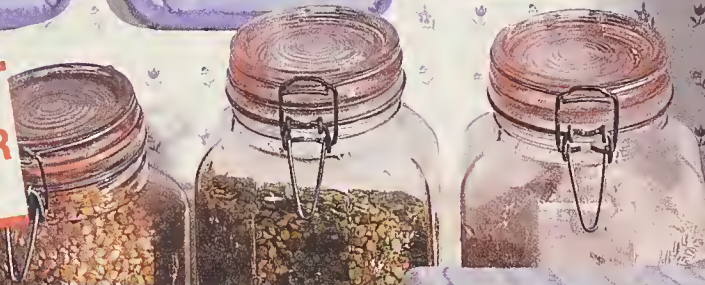
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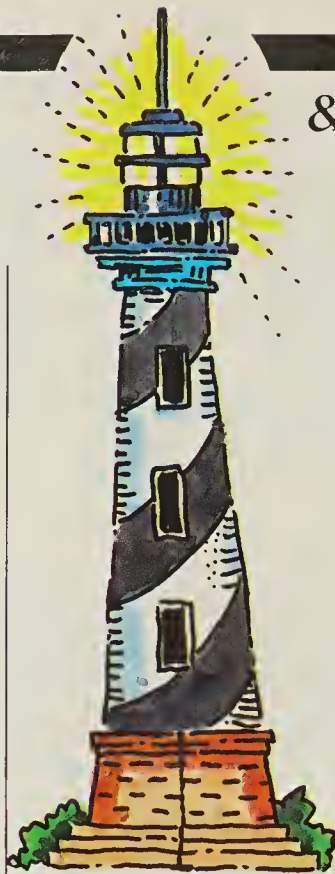
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Crowd Expected At Celebration Of Mule Days

About 50,000 people are expected to celebrate the 40th Annual Mule Days, Sept. 21-24, in Benson.

The event, sponsored by the Benson Area Chamber of Commerce, will feature rodeos, street dancing, mule judging and barbecue.

For more information on the event, contact the Benson Area Chamber of Commerce, Benson, NC 27504. Phone: (919) 894-3825.

Lighthouses Featured At Symposium

The history of North Carolina's coastal region will be the subject of a N. C. Maritime Museum symposium, Oct. 19-21, in Beaufort.

"Lighthouses and Lifesaving: Heritage of the Outer Banks," will feature noted historians from around the region speaking on the history and importance of the state's lighthouses.

The symposium, to be held in conjunction with East Carolina University, will give participants time to tour many of the historic coastal attractions.

Cost of the symposium

is \$99, which includes lectures, materials, social hours and planned meals. Deadline for registration is Oct. 1.

For more information, contact the Division of Continuing Education, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27858. Phone: (919) 757-6143.

Outsider Art Show To Go On The Road

An exhibition of works by Tar Heel artists who have had no formal training in art will be displayed at the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh through Oct. 1 before going on the road.

"Signs and Wonders: Outsider Art Inside North Carolina," features 19 grassroots artists who live in the state and whose work has earned them local and regional acclaim.

The exhibit will highlight a variety of styles—from oil paintings to sculptures.

After the showing in Raleigh, the exhibit will travel to two other Tar Heel muse-

ums: Oct. 13-Jan. 3 at the Hickory Museum of Art and Jan. 18-March 14 at the St. John's Museum of Art in Wilmington.

Albemarle Fair Set To Showcase Expert Craftsmen

Skilled craftsmen will be demonstrating their talents Sept. 21-24 at the 31st Annual Albemarle Craftsman's Fair in Elizabeth City.

The fair, to be held at the Knobbs Creek Recreation Center, will feature artists from around the region displaying their work, and discussing their craft.

For more information on the fair, contact the Albemarle Craftsman's Fair, P.O. Box 1301, Elizabeth City, NC 27909.

The tournament, which will take place at the Holiday Inn on U.S. Highway 74, will feature eight rounds of play for players divided into two skill levels.

For more information, contact Marjorie Ledbetter, 304 C Street, Shelby, NC 28150. Phone: (704) 482-1365.



Swansboro Set For Oct. 14th Mullet Festival

Mullet and other tasty seafood will be in ample supply at the Mullet Festival, Oct. 14, in Swansboro.

The all-day event will feature a parade, crafts, entertainment, dancing and a fireworks display.

For more information, contact the Swansboro Shrimpers Club at (919) 325-5446, or the Jacksonville/Onslow County Chamber of Commerce at Box 765, Jacksonville, NC 28541. Phone: (919) 347-3141.

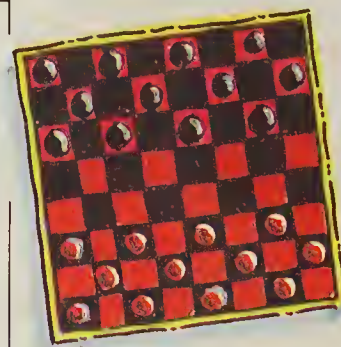
Eggs' Cholesterol Count Reduced

The cholesterol content of the average large egg is lower than many nutrition experts think, according to a recently released study.

The study, conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in conjunction with the Egg Nutrition Center, concluded that the average large egg contains about 213 milligrams (mg) of dietary cholesterol—compared to the 274 mg figure previously used in nutrition studies.

The lower number is due to two factors: a more sophisticated method of measuring cholesterol and changes in the egg industry's feed, husbandry and breeding practices.

The year-long study sampled eggs from the largest 200 handlers in the nation—representing 67 percent of the eggs marketed in the country.



Shelby To Host Top Regional Checker Players

Some of the region's top checker players will be on hand at the Southeastern Checker Tournament, Oct. 27-29, in Shelby.



HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

Lexington Slaten Waylon Jennings Concert
Country music star Waylon Jennings will be featured performer at the Sixth Annual Lexington Barbecue Festival with an Oct. 28 concert at the Civic Center.

Jennings, whose career has spanned four decades, has 13 gold albums to his credit and 16 country songs. A former member of Buddy Holly's band, Jennings has teamed up for successful efforts with such stars as Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash and Kris Kristofferson.

Tickets for the 8 p.m. performance are \$20 and can be purchased at the Civic Center box office, area offices of BB&T Bank and the Lexington Dispatch newspaper.

For more information on the concert or the festival, contact the Lexington Barbecue Festival, P.O. Box 1642, Lexington, NC 27293.

Lexington Scenic Calendar
A scenic 1990 calendar featuring photos of the Carolina coast is now available for purchase by mail. The Sounds of the Carolina Coast, was published by Coastlore Company. It includes 17 full-page photos—many suitable for framing. The calendar is priced at \$9.95 each, including postage and handling. Sets of three

are available for \$25. Send checks or money orders to Coastlore, P.O. Box 3, Harkers Island, NC 28531.

Lathan Smith Receives Honor Posthumously

A former North Carolina Agriculture Extension employee was recently honored posthumously by the U. S. Department of Agriculture for his work on North Carolina's Take Pride in America program.

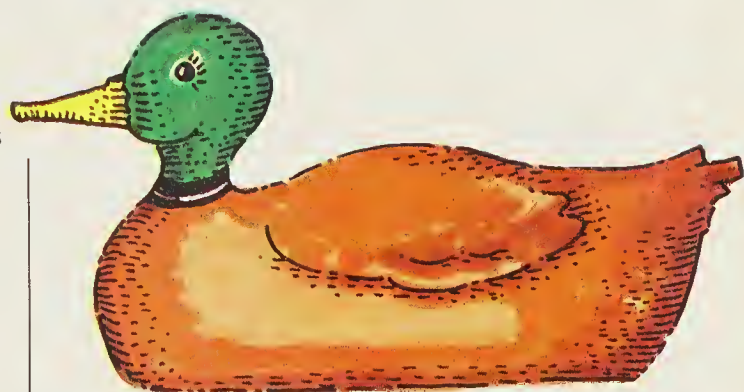
Lathan Smith, who was the associate state leader of community and resource development, was honored with a superior service award for his work in making the state's Take Pride in America program a

model for other states to follow.

Smith, who died in August, 1988, was instrumental in producing an award-winning Take Pride in America video, which continues to be used to promote the program on a national level.

Wildlife Art To Highlight New Bern Show

Wildlife enthusiasts from across the state will converge on New Bern, Sept. 22-24, for the North Carolina Wildlife and Sports-



man's Show.

The show will feature various exhibits of wildlife art—including carvings, paintings, decoys and sculptures. A special gun, knife and antique weapons exhibition will also be featured.

Daily admission to the show is \$5 for adults and \$2 for chil-

dren under 15 years of age. Proceeds from the show will benefit area organizations—including various conservation groups.

For more information, contact the New Bern Area Chamber of Commerce, Drawer C, New Bern, NC 28560. Phone: (919) 637-3111.



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Area Artists To Sell Goods In Highlands

Craftsmen from the Macon County area will be selling their goods Oct. 7 at the Highlands Own Harvest & Craft Festival in Highlands.

The festival, sponsored by the Highlands Woman's Club

and Recreation Park, will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Woodruff Civic Center at the Highlands Recreation Park.

The annual festival is designed to aid area artists—providing them with a market for their goods. All proceeds from the festival will go to the artist.

For more information on the festival, contact the Highlands Woman's Club at P.O. Box 1944, Highlands, NC 28741.

AEC Lighting Project Honored

Efforts by the North Carolina Alternative Energy Corporation (AEC) to convert North Carolina's chicken farms from incandescent lighting to fluorescent lighting have earned the agency a national award.

The program, a joint effort by AEC, Carolina Power and Light Company and the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, was honored with the Silver Switch Award by the National Food and Energy Council. The annual award honors programs "that have economic and social benefits for farmers, the agricultural community and the electric utility."

(See related feature, pages 12-13.)

Under the program, 40 percent of the state's layer growers were converted to fluorescent lighting while 10 percent of the broiler industry were converted.

Estimated savings from the project have reached \$750,000, with additional savings expected to total more than \$6 million a year when all broiler and layer operations are converted.

Mum Festival Features Antique Show

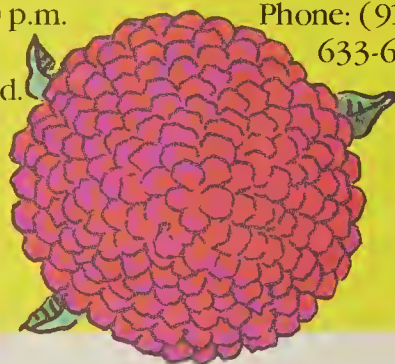
A variety of treats—from hot air balloons to German food—will be in store at the Chrysanthemum Festival, Oct. 14-15, in New Bern.

The festival will also feature an antique show—running from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. the first day and 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. the second.

There will be a \$2.50 admission charge to the show, which will be at the Kress Building on Middle Street.

For more information on the festival, contact the New Bern Preservation Foundation, P.O. Box 207, New Bern, NC 28560.

Phone: (919) 633-6448.



Disaster Funds Awarded To Davidson EMC

Davidson Electric Membership Corporation, Lexington, has qualified for \$180,000 in disaster relief funds to cover damages from May wind storms.

The EMC experienced damages totalling more than \$200,000 during the storms, which hit co-op facilities in Davidson, Forsyth and Guilford Counties, according to Wayne Wilkins, the EMC's general manager.

Davidson EMC was able to qualify for the funds as a result of prompt action on the part of the Davidson County Emergency Management Office and its director, Fred Sink, said Wilkins.

"A lot of effort was involved in getting sufficient information together quickly and in the hands of the governor," he said.

The petition for aid was then processed by the governor's office through state and federal agencies.

The grant to the

co-op is 75 percent federal funds and 25 percent state money.

The EMC was initially awarded \$135,000 of the funds. The remainder will be awarded after a final inspection by state and federal officials.

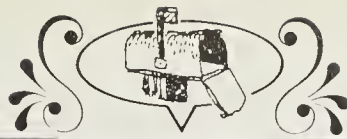
King Mackerel Tourney Slate For Oct. 6-7

A first prize of \$25,000 is waiting for the top fisherman in the 11th Annual Open King Mackerel Tournament, Oct. 6-7, in Southport.

The tournament is offering a total prize pool of \$140,000, is expected to attract more than 500 boats.

The entry fee for the tournament is \$225. Additional prizes, including a VIP Tournament Oct. 5, will also be held with about \$30,000 in prize money being offered. Almost 100 different cash prizes will be awarded during the tournament.

More information on the tournament is available by writing to the U.S. Open King Mackerel Tournament, Rt. 5, Box 52, Southport, NC 28461. Phone: (919) 457-5787.



MAILBOX

Article On Commemorative Statehood Stamp Has Drawn "Great Response"

Many thanks for running the photo and article about my North Carolina stamp in your July issue. It was great to see it in color and I've already gotten great response from the article. Collecting stamps has been great fun and I'm honored to have been chosen to paint *my* state's stamp. Thanks again.

*Bob Timberlake
Lexington*

Timberlake refers to the commemorative stamp issued by the Postal Service to mark the 100th anniversary of North Carolina's statehood. The stamp, issued Aug. 22 in Fayetteville, features blossoms of the state's official flower, the dogwood.

Posters, mugs, caps, lapel pins, T-shirts and other items using the image are available through the U. S. Postal Service. Last year, the service designed the commemorative statehood stamp for South Carolina.

Magazine: "Getting Better and Better"

Thanks for your July item mentioning the fine prints we have in stock at our shop. Your magazine is getting better and better each issue, and it is always welcomed at our home business.

*Donald R. Key
Madison*

Magazine Covers: "Always A Delight"

I wanted to take this opportunity also to tell you how much I look forward to the magazine each month. The covers are always a delight. I ordered a copy of the print "Jewels" by Fred Tumbleton and it is beautiful!

*Emily H. Bauermeister
Charlotte*

Magazine's Art, Pictures

Articles: "Wonderful"

We greatly appreciate your magazine, which is passed on to us by our son. I especially enjoyed your article concerning Sen. Sam Nunn (in issue). He is a very capable and intelligent

congressman. If I ever had an opportunity to vote for him I certainly would do so. I enjoy your so-called "political articles."

I have thoroughly enjoyed articles concerning President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the early days of the electric co-ops. The art, pictures, articles, etc., are wonderful. Keep up the good work!

*Frank E. Titus
Hickory*

Prints Available Of July Cover Photo

Are enlargement reprints available of "Sunset on Bogue Sound," your July cover picture? I enjoy your magazine every month.

*Mrs. John A. Glenn Jr.
Winston-Salem*

W. C. Carlton, who shot the photo, is offering 8 x 10 prints of the image for \$12 each, including postage. Mail orders to him at 118 Holly Lane, Morehead City, NC 28557. Carlton is a retired manager of Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Corporation, Morehead City.

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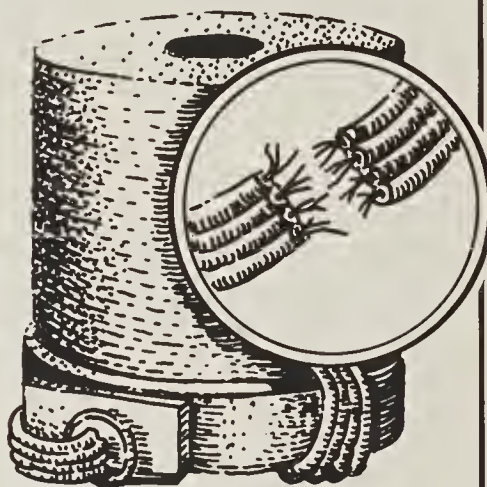
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New Law Designed To Keep Load Management Switches Working

"It's a matter of trust: the co-ops are trusting the members to make sure their load management switches are properly connected. That's not always the case."

The comment came from Ken Teachey, who installs load control switches for Four County Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), Burgaw. He was discussing a problem he sees often in making his daily rounds for the co-op—switches that can't operate because they've been disconnected.



"When that switch is in place, the EMC has put a lot of effort into installing it and if it's not hooked up, it's not doing the job," he said.

The switches allow North Carolina EMCs to turn off water heaters and central air conditioners (or heat pumps) during periods of peak demand for power, when the cost of wholesale power is at its highest level. The statewide load management system was developed to cut peak-use of electricity and hold down the cost of power for the co-ops and their consumer-members.

That's why Teachey and his counterparts across the state feel a strong sense of frustration when they see switches that have been disconnected—for whatever reason.

"I doubt that many are disconnected deliberately," Teachey said. "Usually, when someone has a water heater changed, the switch is unhooked and never re-connected."

Even so, the EMCs have had little leverage to assure that the switches are kept in service. That will change Oct. 1, when a new law takes effect making it illegal "for any unauthorized person to alter, by-pass, interfere with, or cut off any load management device."

The measure, which was adopted by the 1989 N. C. General Assembly, expanded the existing statute on meter-tampering to encompass load control equipment.

As a result, the penalty for tampering with a load control switch will be the same as that for tampering with an electric meter. Both acts are described as misdemeanor crimes punishable by a fine of up to \$500 or imprisonment for up to two years or both. Under the new law, a load control switch can be legally disconnected if the homeowner has written to his power supplier asking that the device be disconnected and the supplier has not done so within two working days.

Teachey said he expects the new law to make a big difference in the number of disconnected switches he encounters.

"Some of the switch connections can be rather complex and, as a result, the re-connection sometimes isn't done. This law ought to be a reminder to the contractors that the switches need to be re-connected. If they have a problem, they can always call the co-op about it."



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EMCs Work Through Agency To Promote Efficient Power Use

North Carolina's Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs) are working with the N. C. Alternative Energy Corporation to find ways to help farmers, businessmen, the general public and utilities make more efficient use of electricity.

The Alternative Energy Corporation (AEC), which is headquartered in Research Triangle Park, was founded in 1980 by the State Utilities Commission to promote more efficient use of electricity and to explore new and supplementary energy sources. The agency is supported by the state's investor-owned power companies and the EMCs' power supply organization, North Carolina EMC (NCEMC).

"The co-ops have been proud to be part of this program from its beginning," said Marvin Marshall, executive vice president of South River EMC, Dunn, and NCEMC's representative on the AEC board. "We've been delighted to see the corporation channel much of its effort into programs that can benefit the co-ops and rural people."

AEC's efforts are centered in five program areas: community, industry, residential/commercial, utility and agriculture.

One of AEC's shining successes is an agriculture project that will save North Carolina's poultry industry millions of dollars.

—Randy Wbeeless



Robert Koger, president of the North Carolina Alternative Energy Corporation, right, chats with Marvin O. Marshall, of Dunn, who represents North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation on the alternative energy agency's Board of Directors.

—N. C. Alternative Energy Corporation



Research by the North Carolina Alternative Energy Corporation has shown that poultry operations like this one—using fluorescent lighting rather than incandescent lighting—can save energy and money. The agency projects that Tar Heel growers could save more than \$6 million a year by switching to fluorescent lighting. About 40 percent of the state's layer growers and 10 percent of the broiler growers have already switched.

Labs To Result From Joint Effort

From its beginning, the Alternative Energy Corporation has undertaken projects on a cooperative basis, with one or more partners, including associations, utilities and universities. The agency's officials say this approach assures more money for the work and also involves additional experience and expertise that help assure success.

Partnerships will also be used in an expansion of AEC's services. Its long-range strategic plan determined that the organization's major tasks could best be carried out by establishing an Energy Efficiency Technology Application Center (EETAC), with laboratory facilities at appropriate locations in North Carolina.

These proposed laboratories will complement existing AEC programs that explore and promote energy-efficient technologies. They will test, evaluate, demonstrate and support the application of these technologies by electric customers in North Carolina. Results will be made available to various audiences.

The first EETAC laboratory, which will be closely associated with AEC's industry program, is being planned as a joint project with North Carolina State University. The purpose of this laboratory will be to assist North Carolina industries achieve greater productivity and energy efficiency through more efficient application of electrotechnologies.

he member utilities participated with AEC program that encourages chicken farmers to switch from incandescent lighting to fluorescent lighting in their chicken houses. Savings could well over \$6 million a year when all broiler grower operations in the state convert to fluorescent lights. An estimated 40 percent of layer grower converted, and 10 percent of broiler growers.

Fluorescent lights use much less electricity for the same lighting power as regular lights. Co-op managers across the nation are launching a joint AEC/EMC project that is taking place in Statesville, at Crescent EMC. This is a battery storage system which allows co-ops to store energy that can be used later to reduce the peak-load demand for electricity. The system, a collection of large lead-acid batteries, is working and so far has saved Crescent and its consumer-members about \$80,000. The state's utilities are also monitoring this project closely as a possible way to manage their peak demands.

Meanwhile, NCEMC recently completed a study with AEC to determine the impact of water heaters and air conditioner controls, for the purpose of reducing peak-load demand.

Control of water heaters and air conditioning by utilities is a common load management strategy in North Carolina and elsewhere. In making decisions on expansion and the most effective use of this conservation method, utilities used the best information possible.

A new AEC agricultural project is attracting national attention. A new cooling facility, which simulates a giant underground iceberg, has been designed to cool farm produce economically prior to shipping—thus allowing North Carolina farmers to better compete with fruit and vegetable producers in California, Texas and Arizona.

Located at Faison in Duplin County, the 10-acre ice maker is producing at the rate of 120 tons every nine minutes; the ice is carried by truck to an 800,000-gallon underground storage tank that will hold five million pounds of ice. The ice carries cold water to a nearby produce packing house where it makes cold air to cool fresh produce and vegetables. This process keeps produce fresher longer, increasing its market value.

AEC officials say this method permits the use of a relatively small ice maker, resulting in significant energy savings since the ice is produced all year long and then used for cooling during the eight weeks of harvest time in the summer, when demand and costs are highest.

If this innovative facility proves as energy efficient as the experts believe it will, other units will probably be constructed in farming areas across the state.

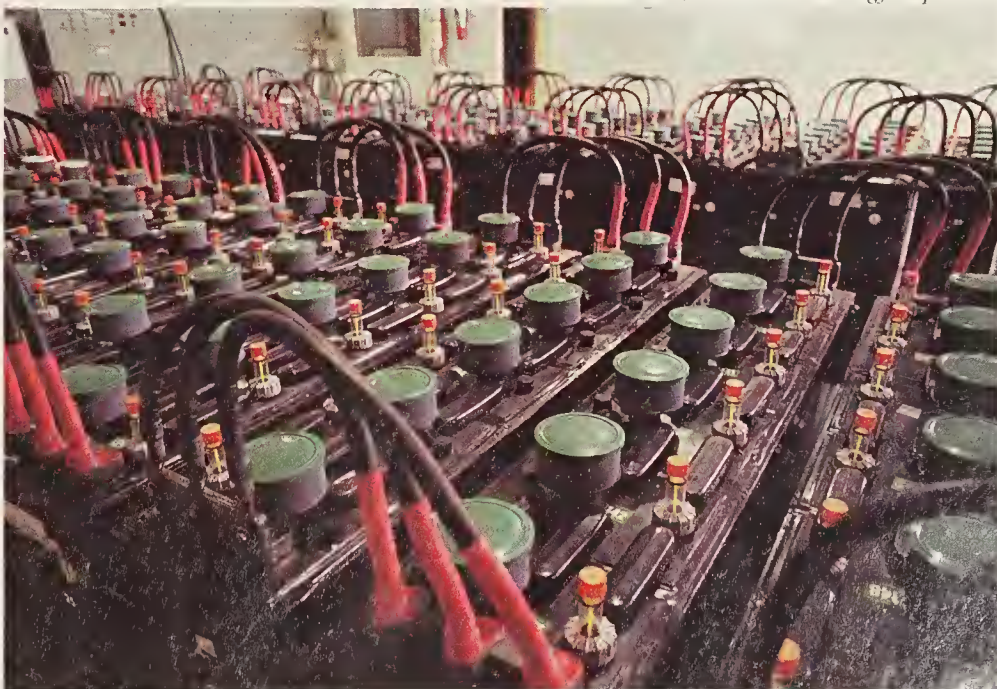
The AEC community program is designed to help local governments, schools, non-profit organizations, rental and public housing administrators, small business owners and the community at large recognize and implement opportunities to conserve all forms of energy.

Residential and commercial buildings use almost 50 percent of North Carolina's electricity, which the AEC program takes into account. All segments of the professional building community, including owners, contractors and mobile home retailers, are target audiences for AEC efforts. Opportunities to control energy costs in these buildings range from new and complex technologies to simple strategies for managing heating, cooling and lighting systems.

The chief executive officer of AEC is Robert Koger, who once worked for the Rural Electrification Administration in North Carolina. Prior to becoming president of AEC, he was a member of the staff of the State Utilities Commission for 21 years, and served as commission chairman for eight years.

"We are delighted that NCEMC and local cooperatives work with us to promote energy efficiency. This shows a strong sense of responsibility on the part of the EMCs toward their members," said Koger.

—N. C. Alternative Energy Corporation



Consumer-members of Crescent EMC, Statesville, have saved about \$80,000 thus far thanks to an innovative battery-storage program involving the North Carolina Alternative Energy Corporation. The program uses a series of lead-acid batteries to provide energy during periods of peak demand. The batteries are re-charged during off-peak periods, when electricity is much less costly.



TAR HEEL BORN

Columnist Clings To Influence of "Home" Ro

Political columnist Tom Wicker has become something of an institution at the *New York Times*. But his career began in humble rural counties of North Carolina.

A native of Richmond County, the 63-year-old writer paid his dues in the newspaper trade with early stints at *The Sandhill Citizen* in Aberdeen and *The Robesonian* in Lumberton.

That may seem like a long way from his "In The Nation" column, which is syndicated to almost 100 papers across the country, but Wicker would advise other would-be journalists to follow the same route.

"I think it's better to go somewhere where you can get some real training in a variety of things, rather than become a news clerk at the *New York Times* and spend two years carrying coffee for the reporters," he said.

Wicker never carried newsroom coffee, but during his early career, the University of North Carolina journalism graduate did just about everything else: city hall reporter, sports editor, features editor, wire editor.

His experiences put together an impressive resume, especially considering that Wicker was trying to become a successful novelist.

"Back in the '50s, I was focused on becoming a novelist," Wicker admits. "I was just in newspapers to make a living—not that I didn't enjoy it—but my first ambition was to become a novelist."

Wicker does have eight novels to his credit—"good fiction," he says, yet adds that they are "unknown to practically everyone in the country."

It's been Wicker's career in writing about politics that has brought him notoriety. His first taste of Washington came in the '50s when he was the Washington correspondent for the *Winston-Salem Journal*.

"I had never really thought about working in Washington," said Wicker. "Of course, when the *Journal* sent me, I was delighted and immediately liked it."

In 1960, after a stint with *The Nashville*

Tennessean, Wicker joined the *New York Times* as its Washington correspondent. He says when he finally realized his budding career as a novelist might need to take a back seat to his reporting duties.

"When I went to Washington with the *Times*, I put my novelist ambition aside for 10 years and focused on journalism."

In his years in Washington, Wicker covered the most important events of the last 30 years. He was in Dallas when John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963; he re



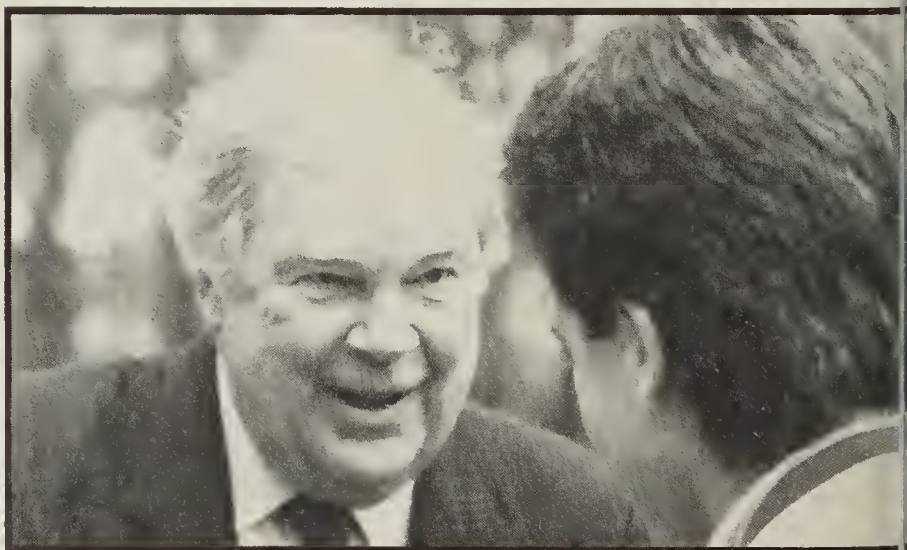
on the Vietnam War, and followed the day-by-day events involving the Vietnam War and the Nixon Administration.

He has written four non-fiction books on the politics he has covered, with his fifth, an in-depth look at Richard Nixon, due to be finished soon.

Wicker expects this to be his last non-fiction effort. Planning to spend the next two years, Wicker is hoping to return to fiction writing—"a lot of time to think," he said.

But until then, Wicker will continue to chart the pulse of the world. There is no typical day for Tom Wicker, he said—no set hours, no set schedule—although he does manage to find time each morning to write for the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post* thoroughly. His office is in New York, but he can be found almost anywhere.

"There is no geography anymore—not with the telephone and the airplane."



New York Times columnist Tom Wicker chats with a student at Richmond Community College during a recent visit to the campus. The Hamlet and his sister recently endowed a scholarship at the school in memory of their parents.

et, there still is a lot of Tar Heel left in Tom
r. Despite his New York address, the
iences of growing up and working in
Carolina are still with him.
Contrary to Thomas Wolfe, I believe you
ever get away from home," he said. "Luck-
me, the factors that influenced you as a
person—your family and community—
ith you for life."

—Randy Wheeless

Scholarship Endowed

Tom Wicker and his sister, Kathleen Wicker, have endowed a \$500 scholarship at Richmond Community College Hamlet.

The scholarship, established in memory of the Wickers' parents, Esta and D. Wicker, will be awarded annually to Richmond County resident who demonstrates scholastic promise, academic achievement and financial need.

The scholarship is renewable upon satisfactory academic performance at the two-year institution. Preference will be given to students enrolled in the college transfer curriculum.

The Wickers, both natives of Richmond County, were present during recent ceremonies at the college announcing the scholarship. Tom Wicker is currently a columnist for the *New York Times* while Kathleen C. Wicker worked many years at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

The first scholarship will be awarded for the 1990-91 academic year. For more information, contact Beth Gibbons, Richmond Community College, P.O. Box 1189, Hamlet, NC 28345.

Medieval Fair Scheduled In Tryon

Visitors will step back in time Oct. 21 at the Medieval Fair at the Foothills Equestrian Nature Center (FENCE) in Tryon.

The Town Crier will call out such events as dog races, lancing and stilt racing throughout the day. Tasty treats such as "brisket of dragon" and "ox mush" will be available for hungry visitors.

Admission to the fair is free—with festivities beginning at 10 a.m.

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Prize-Winning Recipes

Tasty recipes from five Tar Heel women won top cash prizes in recent statewide cooking contests.

- Frances Andrews of Wilson won the top prize of \$500 in the North Carolina Egg Cooking Contest. Andrews' "Frittata Pizza" recipe won the contest's adult division. Julie Bowman of Raleigh won the \$250 top prize in the student division. Both winners will compete in the National Egg Cooking Contest in Chicago in November.

The "Frittata Pizza" recipe is on page 17 but the 10 finalists' recipes are all available from the egg association. Send a stamped self-addressed envelope to N. C. Egg Association, 1213 Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC 27607.

- Joan Baldasaro of Raleigh won \$101.50 with her winning entry in the egg association's Pound Cake Contest held at the State Fairgrounds. She took the top prize with her "Chocolate Peanut Butter Pound Cake." The recipe is below.

- Virginia Anthony of Blowing Rock won the top prize of \$500 in the Seventh Annual North Carolina Turkey Cooking Contest held in Raeford. This recipe is also featured on this page.

She won with her "Herbed Peppercorn Turkey Breast" recipe. Norma Adams of Charlotte won \$250 for finishing second with her "Cajun Praline Turkey."

Chocolate Peanut Butter Pound Cake

- 3 1/4 C. flour, separated
- 1/2 C. cocoa
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 C. butter, softened
- 1/2 C. shortening
- 2 1/2 C. sugar
- 5 eggs



- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 3/4 C. crunchy peanut butter
- 1 C. milk
- 1 C. chopped unsalted peanuts

In a bowl, combine 3 cups flour, cocoa and baking powder; set aside. In a large bowl, cream butter and shortening. Gradually add sugar and beat until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, then add the vanilla extract. Remove 1 cup of creamed mixture into another bowl. Add peanut butter and 1/4 cup of flour; beat well and set aside. Add flour mixture and milk alternately to creamed mixture, starting and ending with flour mixture. Pour 2/3 of batter into a well-greased 10-inch tube pan. Spoon peanut butter mixture over batter. Pour remaining batter into pan. Sprinkle chopped peanuts over cake. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour and 15 minutes, or until cake tests done. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Remove from pan and cool completely.



Herbed Peppercorn Turkey Breast

Marinade:

- 2/3 C. dry white wine
- 3 tbsp. olive oil
- 2 tsp. minced garlic
- 2 tbsp. chopped parsley
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1 1/2 tsp. bottled green peppercorns, crushed with fork
- 1 bay leaf, cracked
- 1/2 tsp. dried rosemary, crumbled between fingers
- 1/2 tsp. dried thyme
- 4 turkey breast tenderloins (about 6 ounces each)
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 1/2 tsp. coarsely ground fresh black pepper

Sauce:

- 1 C. chicken broth
- 1 tbsp. *plus* vegetable cooking spray
- 1 tsp. cornstarch
- 1/4 tsp. salt

Combine marinade ingredients in glass dish. Pierce turkey breast tenderloins with tines of a fork, place in marinade to coat. Marinate for 2 hours or longer, turning at least once. Remove tenderloins from marinade, pat dry with paper towels; reserve marinade.

Combine salt and pepper and sprinkle on each side of tenderloins, press with fingers; let stand 15 minutes.

Spray a large non-stick skillet with vegetable cooking spray; add 1 tablespoon olive oil. Heat over medium high heat and, when hot, add tenderloins and cook 5 to 7 minutes on each side. Remove to heated serving platter.

For sauce: Bring reserved marinade to a boil in skillet for 2 minutes. Mix together chicken broth, cornstarch and salt, add to marinade and stir until thickened. Pour into bowl. Serve with rice and green vegetables. Serve sauce rather than using the reserved marinade.

Note: Extra marinade may be made into a sauce rather than using the reserved marinade.

Frittata Pizza

1 can refrigerated crescent rolls
1/2 cup white, slightly beaten
1/2 lb. cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup half and half

1/2 cup Italian seasoning or mixed dried herbs
1/2 cup onion salt
1/2 cup sliced mushrooms
1/2 cup crisp cooked bite-size broccoli
1/2 cup cubed cooked ham
1/2 cup chopped green pepper
1/2 cup cubed fresh tomato
1/2 cup grated Swiss cheese
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
Press crescent rolls into greased 12-inch
pan, brush with slightly beaten egg white.
Bake 10 minutes.

In a medium bowl, beat cream cheese until
smooth, gradually beat in half and half. Beat in
seasoning at a time, add Italian seasoning or
herbs and onion salt. Pour into prepared
pan. Arrange remaining ingredients over egg
white in order given. Bake at 375 degrees 25-
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"Country Store" Will Feature Farm Products

An abundance of Tar Heel agricultural products will be featured in a "country store" exhibit in the Kerr Scott Building at the 1989 North Carolina State Fair, Oct. 13-22.

The exhibit, sponsored by the Marketing Division of the N. C. Department of Agriculture, will depict Tar Heel cattle, cotton, corn (growers and millers), tobacco,



grapes, strawberries, cotton, dairy products, soybeans, sweet potatoes, white potatoes, poultry, herbs, commercial flowers, Christmas trees, small grain and horses.

Wayne Miller, director of marketing for the state agency, said the exhibit is designed to be educational for young people and informative for adults.

He said experts will be on hand at the exhibit to explain the displays and provide educational materials for visitors.

The "country store" is the second such exhibit to be mounted by NCDA as part of an annual fair. Last year's fair featured a similar exhibit in the Scott Building with a "barn" theme.

Top Entertainers Slated For Dorton Arena Shows

A performance by country music superstar Conway Twitty will be one of the highlights on the concert schedule for the 1989 North Carolina State Fair, Oct. 13-22, in Raleigh.

Twitty, whose career has spanned four decades, has had more than 30 No. 1 hits on the country charts. Naming himself for two towns in the South (Conway, AK, and Twitty, TX), the singer first came to national prominence in 1958 with a No. 1 pop hit, "It's Only Make Believe." He'll appear at Dorton Arena Oct. 19.

Nine other concerts will be featured at the arena, with Billy Joe Royal singing his recent country hit, "Love Has No Right," Oct. 13 to kick off the series.

The 1960s group, the Shirelles, will perform on Oct. 14, with The Cathedrals following on Oct. 15. Tanya Tucker, whose career has been refueled by the recent release of two smash albums, will perform Oct. 16.

Cajun singer Jo-El Sonnier will perform Oct. 17, while Kathy Mattea will make her second consecutive fair appearance on Oct. 18.

A trio of male performers will round out the schedule with T. Graham Brown slated for Oct. 20. Ray Stevens, whose comic singing talents have delighted audiences all over the world, is slated for Oct. 21, and "Outlaw" Waylon Jennings will wrap up the series Oct. 22.

Admission to the arena shows is free, but seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. All shows are set for 7 p.m.

"Fun Festival" To Offer Competition

The 28th Annual Senior Citizens Fun Festival of the North Carolina State Fair is scheduled at 10:15 a.m. Monday, Oct. 16, in Dorton Arena.

Those 65 and over will be admitted to the State Fair without charge every day of the 10-day event.

June Barbour, superintendent of the Senior Citizens Fun Festival, said this year's Fun Festival will include cash prizes in several fields of competition.

Older folks can compete as comedians, as impersonators and two kinds of North Carolina barnyard inhabitants: pigs and chickens. In addition, prizes will be given for best comic hat and best hat depicting agriculture.

To register for the contests, contact Mrs. June Barbour at the N. C. State Fair, 1025 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, 27607.

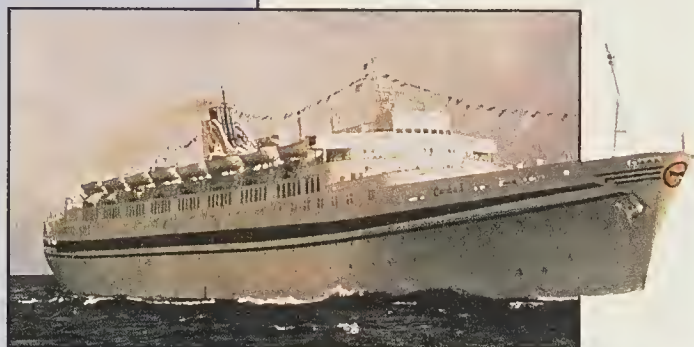


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Entrepreneurs from the Soviet Union recently visited the headquarters of the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC) in Raleigh. From left, the group's sample programming available through co-op satellite television services. From the group are Alla Arsenian, State Department interpreter; Williams; Aleksandr Leskova; and Dimitri Bresthins, U.S. State Department interpreter.

Co-op Organization Hosts Soviet Visitors

Future free enterprise in the Soviet Union could take on a Tar Heel flavor as a result of a recent visit by six Soviet entrepreneurs to the headquarters of the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC) in Raleigh.

Members of the Soviet-based group "Private Enterprise in the U.S." visited NCAEC for an information-sharing program on business methods used by American electric cooperatives.

The U.S. visit came on the heels of the Soviet Union's adoption of a 1988 law encouraging the formation of cooperative businesses in that nation. By the end of 1988, more than 75,000 cooperatives had been registered by the Soviet government.

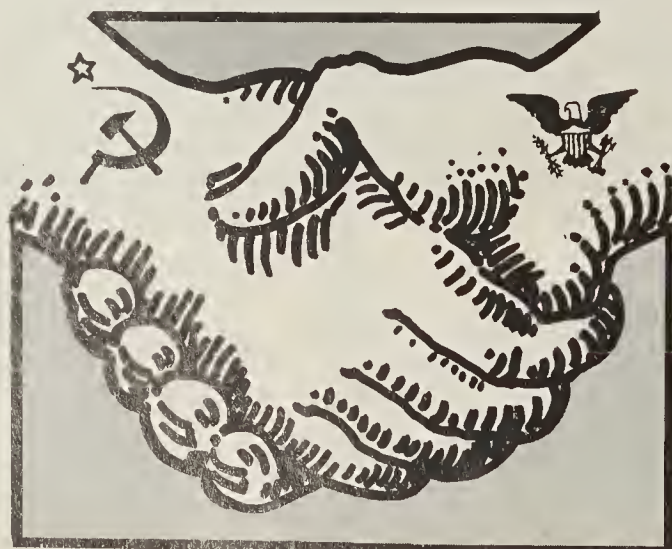
Some of the visitors are already operating cooperatives in various fields, ranging from advertising to construction.

"Two years ago, I would not have thought this visit possible," said Lerner of Leningrad, a former building engineer who now operates his own construction and restoration co-op. "But there has been much change in the Soviet Union. I'm very happy to be here."

While at NCAEC, the group was given an overview of the three corporations that comprise the rural electric statewide organization: NCAEC, the statewide trade association serving 28 Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs) across the state; the N. C. Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC), the statewide power supply cooperative and the Tarheel Electric Membership Corporation (TEMA), the central purchasing and material supply cooperative.

The group also heard presentations on innovative programs being conducted by EMCs across the state: the consumer relations program at Brunswick EMC, Shallotte; the local water system operated by Harkers Island EMC, Harkers Island; and the rural satellite telecommunications program operated by various co-ops.

The group's month-long U.S. stay was sponsored by the International Visitor Program of the United States Information Agency. The group's North Carolina visit was coordinated by the International Visitors Council. While in the state, the visitors also toured the Research Triangle Park and the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.



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Study Shows Cattle Unaffected By Exposure To 500-KV Power Lines

A new U. S. Department of Agriculture study has found that cattle can graze under and near 500-kilovolt power lines with no apparent ill effects.

Over a three-year period, scientists in Oregon regularly monitored two groups of beef cattle, 100 directly under such a line and 100 about 600 yards away from it. The cattle were weighed each month and their activity was recorded.

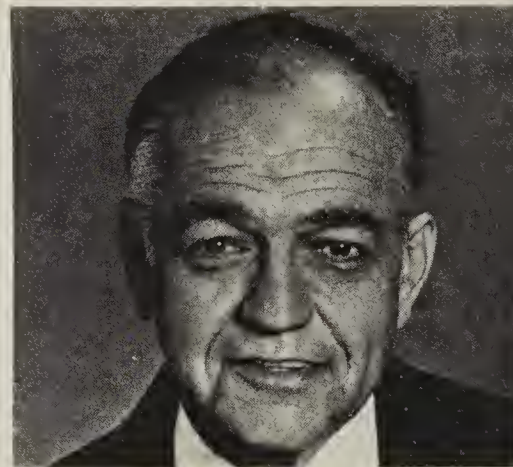
There were no significant differences between the two groups of cows, said David C. Ganskopp, the scientist in charge of the behavioral aspects of the study.

The two groups had about the same number of calves born and there were no signs of nervousness or discomfort, he said. The only noticeable difference was that between 6 and 11 percent of the cows under the power lines moved toward the back of their pens.

"They didn't want to stay under the line, for some reason," Ganskopp said. But he noted that this finding has "no real management implications."

The study also found that there was no effect on wheat and alfalfa crops grown under the lines.

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Perry Smith, owner of the Crestview Apothecary, says "SkinTech" is the most effective product (prescription or non-prescription), he has seen in his 38 years of being a pharmacist. He tells of one experience recently of a crying two-year old being brought into the store with a badly burned hand. She had put her hand to a wood stove--the hand was a solid blister. He immediately applied a good coat of "SkinTech". About (5) five minutes later the child was asleep on her mother's shoulder.

Rev. Doug Newton in Pensacola says he used it on his grandchild who had a bad diaper rash problem and after trying a dermatologist's formula with no success, he used "SkinTech".

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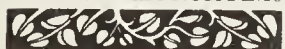
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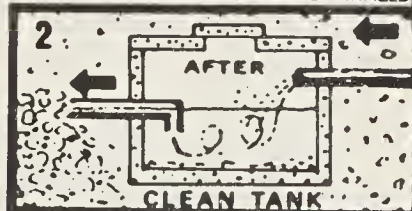
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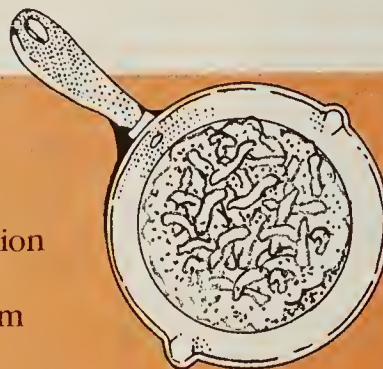


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Submitted by Ms. Luanne Royall, Elkin

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Trim fat from meat. Heat fat scraps in skillet. When you have 3 tablespoons of melted fat, remove scraps. Cut meat diagonally across the grain into very thin strips. Brown meat quickly in skillet with fat. Add water and mushrooms (including juice). Stir in dry soup mix and heat just to boiling. Blend in sour cream and flour. Cook until mixture thickens. Serve over buttered noodles, rice or toast triangles. (Makes 4 to 6 servings.)

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Error Found In August Recipe

Mrs. Shirleyan Beacham-Phelps of Plymouth, whose recipe for "Mother's Squash Pickles" appeared in *Country Kitchen* last month, wrote to us to report that the list of ingredients contained an error.

The published version called for half a cup of tumeric. The correct amount is *one teaspoon*.

Mrs. Beacham-Phelps said, "I really fouled up! Your magazine just arrived and I was so pleased to see my recipe—but I made a mistake. . . Please apologize to your readers. Maybe most folks' squash are about gone by now and they won't use the recipe until next year."

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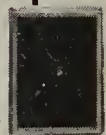
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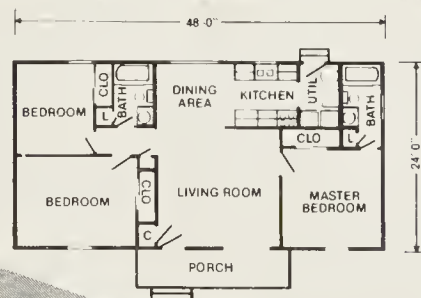
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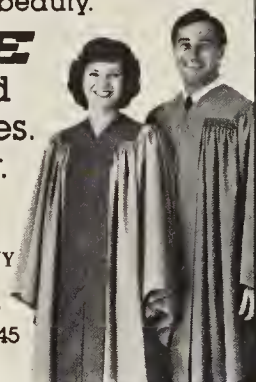
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Date	Electric Membership Corporation	Time	Location
October			
2	Cape Hatteras, Buxton	Registration: 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting: 8:00 p.m.	Cape Hatteras School Auditorium, Buxton
6	Central, Sanford	Registration: 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting: 7:30 p.m.	Lee County Senior High School Auditorium, Sanford
7	Carteret-Craven, Morehead City	Registration: 6:00 p.m. Business Meeting: 7:30 p.m.	West Carteret High School, Morehead City
7	Surry-Yadkin, Dobson	Registration: 8:30 a.m. Business Meeting: 10:30 a.m.	Surry Central High School, Dobson
7	Union, Monroe	Registration: 9:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 1:00 p.m.	Wingate College, Wingate
14	Crescent, Statesville	Registration: 8:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 10:00 a.m.	MacGray Auditorium, Statesville Senior High School, North Center Street, Statesville
17	Lumbee River, Red Springs	Registration: 6:00 p.m. Business Meeting: When quorum is reached.	Givens Performing Arts Center, Pembroke State University
21	Davidson, Lexington	Registration: 10:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 11:00 a.m.	Central Davidson Senior High School, Hwy. 47, Lexington
23	Four County, Burgaw	Registration: 6:00 p.m. Business Meeting: 7:30 p.m.	Pender High School Gym, Hwy. 53, Burgaw
28	Rutherford, Forest City	Registration: 10:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 11:00 a.m.	East Rutherford High School, Forest City

Bridge Dedicated To Earl C. Davis, Island EMC's First Manager

The bridge connecting Harkers Island to mainland in Carteret County has been dedicated to the man who was a driving force behind the building of the bridge.

About 125 people gathered at the bridge recently as the North Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT) dedicated the Earl C. Davis Memorial Bridge.

Davis, the first manager of Harkers Island Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), was instrumental in having the bridge built in 1941. The island was previously linked with the mainland only by ferry service.

Davis, who died in 1988, was involved in many activities that moved the island community forward through the years. He served as the island's manager from 1939 to 1946. During the 1950s, Davis served three years as president of EMC's Board of Directors.

Davis' efforts also brought a community water system to the island. He served as chairman of the board of the Harkers Island Water Sewerage Corporation, donating land for the island's water tank and pump.

He also served as president of the Harkers Island Development Corporation and was a member of the Carteret County Board of Commissioners.

"Earl Davis moved mountains," said Jerry Hasty, deputy assistant secretary of DOT during the dedication ceremonies. "There are a lot of things on Harkers Island that can be attributed to him."

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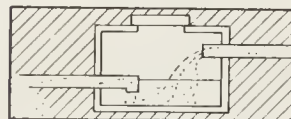
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Aussie Leads Couple To Master 'Tricks' Of The Dog Show Trade

The old cliché says you can't "teach an old dog new tricks," but it never said anything about an old dog teaching people new tricks.

Stephen and Kendall Peschock of Rt 10, Statesville, can tell you about that.

A few years ago, the couple knew little about dog shows—except that you needed a dog. Now, they're the proud owners of a Blue Ribbon from the prestigious Westminster Dog Show in New York. But they recall it as a delightful accident.

The Peschocks, who are former consumer-members of Crescent Electric Membership Corporation, Statesville, were searching for an Australian Terrier about three years ago. It's a small dog, about 10 inches high and weighing 12 to 14 pounds. They were familiar with the breed and wanted a gentle male to have around the house.

There were problems: Less than 1,000 Aussie puppies are born each year, and there is a waiting list to get one. The Peschocks spent months contacting breeders around the country—finally ending up with a female puppy.

More than a year after they started their search, a breeder in Illinois called to say she had a male dog if they still wanted him. The dog, already named Sprite Lea Farm Boy, was more than a year old. There was a catch: the Peschocks would have to agree to finish showing the dog until he earned his Championship—a high standard set up for show dogs by the American Kennel Club (AKC).

The Peschocks figured two dogs wouldn't be much more trouble than one, and they could easily learn how to show a dog.

"We thought showing a dog wouldn't be so hard," said Mrs. Peschock. "You just walk in the ring and get a ribbon."

Soon, the Peschocks learned that showing



*Champion Sprite
Lea Farm Boy*

a dog was more than picking up ribbons: In addition to learning about the complexities of the way dog shows are run, there was good training and handling.

But the Peschocks also learned something else: in Sprite Lea Farm Boy (Boy, for short) they had a top quality dog. Dog-show veterans soon began avoiding head-to-head competition with him.

"After about two shows, we knew we had something special," said Mrs. Peschock.

Terri Rand, a Hickory dog trainer, soon offered a helping hand to teach the couple the finer points of showing dogs. Within six months, Boy had earned his Championship.

However, the Peschocks didn't stop there. Following the advice of others, the Peschocks decided to see how far Boy could go. It would mean entering him in shows around the country—something the Peschocks couldn't do personally since both have regular jobs.

Enter Peter Green.

A respected dog handler, Green took on the responsibility of showing Boy around the country. Although he handled many dogs, Boy was the only Aussie he showed.

With a professional like Green holding the leash, the Peschocks gained a fair amount of respect within the show dog fraternity.



Kendall and Stephen Peschock display Boy's "best in breed" blue ribbon from the Westminster Dog Show—one of the world's top dog shows. The Peschocks, who began showing dogs just a few years ago, won the blue ribbon at the New York City show on their first try.

In any sport where there is judging and, there's going to be some politics," said en. "We haven't been showing dogs for 20 like some people—so we were unknown." Boy, however, didn't remain unknown for he gathered up more than 50 blue ribbons year and soon was heading for his first Westminster Dog Show in New York. "We didn't expect to win, but Boy had the right to go," said Stephen. "We just told him to go up there and look good." Because they were taking night classes, en and Kendall didn't learn the results of "best in breed" competition until they came home after class and switched on a television channel's coverage of the dog show. They made a sweeping motion with the

camera showing the best of breeds in the terrier group and there he was!" said Mrs. Peschock. "We were thrilled. There is nothing like winning at Madison Square Garden. It's like the Super Bowl of dog shows."

As with most dog shows, winning at Westminster meant nothing in terms of money. But the Peschocks are continuing to show dogs while also breeding a small group of Aussies.

The sport has turned into a family affair, as the couple's two daughters are now involved in showing dogs.

Stephen and Kendall now hope to earn their credentials as dog show judges.

But the Peschocks are cautious about becoming too enchanted with showing dogs. Rising at the crack of dawn on a weekend to cart a truckload of dogs around can become a little hectic.

"When it stops being fun to go to a dog show, it's time to take a long vacation," said Mrs. Peschock. "We've seen too many people become stressed out by the whole thing. We don't want that to happen to us."

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Court Decisions Raise Question Mark

The Supreme Court is back in Washington now, after taking a summer recess following a spring term that left everyone in Washington—and legal scholars across the country—wondering just what sort of philosophy it has.

The term which ended in July was really the first time that the “Reagan Court” sat together as a unit and the results were mixed, to say the least.

This was the first time that the three justices named to the court by former President Reagan were present and voting as a unit.

With his appointment to the court, Reagan had an opportunity to make his influence felt long after he left Washington.

Three justices resigned during Reagan’s eight years in the White House and he named replacements who were thought to be in tune with his conservative philosophy.

With the resignations of Chief Justice Warren Burger and Justices Potter Stewart and Louis Powell, Reagan was able to name three justices most observers felt would hew to the law-and-order, right-of-center line.

Sandra Day O’Connor of Arizona, Antonin Scalia of Virginia and Anthony Kennedy of California seemed to have credentials that would put them solidly in the conservative camp.

Their votes were seen as joining with those of Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Justice Byron White, to form a majority that would easily prevail.

But Reagan, like other presidents before him, may be finding out that it’s hard to predict what a court member will do after taking a seat on the bench.

President Eisenhower named Earl Warren to be Chief Justice and Warren led the court to desegregate the nation’s public schools after Eisenhower had to send troops to Arkansas to enforce the decision, he said that appointing Warren was the “worst mistake I ever made.”

President John Kennedy appointed his good friend Byron White to the Court and he hardly could have imagined that White, the

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former All-American football halfback from Colorado, would become one of the court’s most conservative members.

But the Reagan appointees—O’Connor, Scalia and Kennedy—seem to be living up to Reagan’s expectations and, in agreeing with Rehnquist and White, seem solidly in the conservative camp.

The new court did not reverse *Roe vs. Wade*, which made abortions legal, but by ruling for the State of Missouri in an abortion case, it threw the matter back to state legislatures. This paves the way for a state-by-state battle over the issue.

The new majority also moved to restrict civil rights laws, and threw affirmative action in an Alabama case where black firemen were given promotion preference to correct previous discrimination.

In other civil rights rulings the court:

- Acted to shield states and state officials from some civil rights lawsuits;
- Limited key civil rights laws by ruling they do not apply to sexual harassment in the workplace;
- Made it harder to sue cities when their employees violate one’s civil rights;
- Exempted states from being sued under a federal law which protects the educational rights of the handicapped persons, and
- Ruled that the death penalty may be imposed on persons 16 years old and older.

Blacks, women’s groups and Hispanics were outspoken in criticizing the court’s civil rights decisions.

But the court also surprised a lot of people—including Ronald Reagan—by ruling that burning the American flag is not a criminal offense and is protected under the First Amendment guarantee of speech.

Justices Scalia and Kennedy joined three justices from the liberal bloc in the flag decision, which infuriated a lot of people.

One of those angered was President Bush, who called for an amendment to the Constitution making “desecration” of the flag a crime. A bill calling for such an amendment was introduced in Congress.

In another action which surprised and angered conservatives including the religious right, the court also refused to outlaw *Dia* Porn, which lets people call numbers and listen to sexy talk on the end of the line. Even conservative Justice White voted with the liberals on this, and he wrote the opinion.

But conservatives are now in charge of the court and Reagan, though now in retirement in California, has won his victory.

This was something that Richard Nixon, the last president to appoint three members to the court, failed to accomplish. Of the



WASHINGTON SCENE



Supreme Court of the United States

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Justice O'Connor hewed to the conservative line, but
Justice Blackmun turned liberal and it was Blackmun
who wrote the decision that made abortion

legal. Court watchers feel that abortions will again be banned and *Roe vs. Wade* will be overturned.

As the court is presently constituted, only the vote of Justice O'Connor is needed for a majority to outlaw abortion. If she doesn't, then it seems to be just a matter of time until some yet-unnamed justice will tip the balance.

The three liberal judges may soon have to retire, as Justices Brennan, Marshall and Blackmun are all over 80 years old and Brennan and Marshall have both been in ill health. In fact, many are surprised that they outlasted the Reagan administration.

When they leave, President Bush will almost surely appoint justices who are conservative and anti-abortion.

Now, with the court back for its fall session, court watchers wonder just what will happen in the weeks and months ahead.

Lyle Dennison, who is regarded as the top reporter covering the court, may have expressed the thoughts of many in his summary story after the court's early term. His lead sentence was, "You ain't seen nothing yet."

Inadequate Supervision Opens The Door For Influence Peddling At HUD

Jack Kemp, the agency's new head, said he inherited a mess and vowed to clean it up.

Hearings before a House sub-committee, which started this
morning, and will continue into the fall have shown how much trouble a
government program can get into if it doesn't have constant supervision.
Muel Pierce, the only cabinet member who served through the
two terms of the Reagan administration, headed the Department
of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) but spent a lot of time on
vacation. He made over 700 speeches away from Washington and visited
several times. During his absence he turned authority over to
people with no experience in housing.

In the Reagan years, a young woman named Deborah Gore
was pretty much in charge. She had good political connections
and previous experience was as a bartender in a restaurant her fam-
ily owned.

The House Committee has found a scandal that has cost the govern-
ment at least \$2 billion and has revealed an atmosphere of greed, hypoc-
rasy and influence peddling that surprised even veteran Washington
reporters.

Consultants were charging high fees for using their political green-
cards to secure contracts for the people who retained them and a little

pressure applied at HUD usually worked.

One of the consultants was the former
Secretary of Interior James Watt, who
preached against Big Government and thought
the government had no business in building
houses, even for the poor.

News media accounts reported that Watt
collected extraordinarily high fees for simply
making a few phone calls and one visit to HUD
to secure a contract for his client.

In addition, Paul Manafort, a leading GOP
political operative, collected \$326,000 as a con-
sultant. The list went on as stories of political
influence and pressure unfolded at the
hearings.

Jack Kemp, HUD's new head, took one
look at this, said he had inherited a mess and
vowed to clean it up.

But those watching the hearings had to
wonder how such a thing could have hap-
pened. One high ranking official at HUD, who
watched the mess first-hand, had an explana-
tion: "The Reagan White House was never
interested in housing. They cut funds and any
political appointee who rated a job but had no
special talent ended up at HUD. Then nobody
watched the store and the money was there for
the taking. And it got took."



General Assembly Revises State's Tax Exemptions Across The Board

The 1989 session of the North Carolina General Assembly revised the entire gamut of state income-tax exemptions affecting federal, state and local government retirees—and for the first time provided an exemption for those retired from private business.

After months of debate, with considerable “pushing and pulling” from both federal retirees and state government representatives, the legislators enacted House Bill 1311 with the following results:

- Federal retirees, both military service and civil service, will continue to receive an exemption of \$4,000.
- State and local government retirees, who previously paid no state income tax on their retirement checks, also receive an exemption of \$4,000.
- Private business retirees, who previously received no exemption except on Social Security benefits, will receive an exemption of \$2,000.

The new exemptions are in effect 1989, which means they will apply on state returns filed in April, 1990.

Under the legislation, all Social Security payments will continue to be exempt from state income tax. (On federal returns, Social Security income may be subject to federal income tax.)

Some state government retirees believe they lost ground under the new formula; they will now be paying tax on previously exempt income. However, the legislature softened the financial impact of the new formula by writing into legislation an increase of 1 percent in current state and local government annuities.

Some observers who followed the session closely during the session were surprised when private business retirees were given a new \$2,000 exemption. Private business retirees played the role of “innocent bystanders” in the process. While spokesmen for state government, U. S. civil service and military retirees were constantly showing up at legislative hearings, virtually no one represented the interests of private business annuitants. But the legislators decided to broaden coverage to include them.

According to the new law, the exemptions will apply to pensions received by both husband and wife, if both are retired from one of the eligible systems.

While discussing the change, some lawmakers wanted to make the new formula “sunset” law, to expire in two years. But the final version has no such provision.

Federal retirees, both military and civil service, had worked for years to achieve a more favorable formula. Up until 1987, the retirement amount allowed only a \$3,000 exemption. But in that year the lawmakers voted to boost this to \$4,000, effective 1988.

Many lawmakers wanted to continue the previous formula, with state and local government employees totally exempt and federal retirees taxed on most of their annuities. But when the General Assembly was meeting, the Supreme Court ruled eight-to-one that the old law was unconstitutional because it treated state and federal retirees differently.

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g case in point, but other states also
tractive "packages" for older folks.
ill the new legislation make North
ia more attractive as a place to live?
me will tell.

A Clarification On Medicare Benefits

Our July column, which dealt with North Carolina reaction to the new catastrophic Medicare surcharges, a summary of benefits under the new program noted that in 1990 "a prescription drug benefit (80 percent, after a \$550 initial payment) will go into effect."

One of our readers pointed out that more detail is needed to clarify this provision: Medicare already pays for prescription drugs when you're in a hospital. In 1990, Medicare will help pay for antibiotics and other intravenous drugs that can safely be injected at home.

In 1990, patients must pay the first \$550 for covered drugs. Medicare will then pay 80 percent of the cost of approved intravenous drugs and 50 percent of the cost of immunosuppressives used after the first year following an organ transplant.

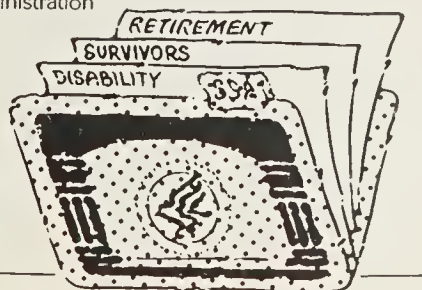
Beginning Jan. 1, 1991, Medicare will cover most other prescription drugs as well as insulin, with the patient being responsible for an annual deductible and co-payments. In 1991 the deductible will be \$600 and the co-payment, 50 percent.

Medicare will pay half of all other allowed drug charges for the remainder of the calendar year. In 1992 the deductible is estimated to be \$652 and co-payment, 40%.

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HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE

As summer tapers into autumn, it's time to make final plans for gardening activities for the fall and winter garden. Attention should be given to spring-flowering bulbs and to crowded perennials that may be dug, divided and replanted this month. Bulbs may be purchased now for later planting. You'll want to be sure the bulb bed soil is adequately prepared before the bulbs are set out.

Such ever-present chores as weeding, mowing and spraying must continue until cooler weather. If the weather is dry, continue to water your plants.



Houseplants

Re-pot houseplants now to get them ready for the winter season. Inspect plants closely for signs of insects and diseases. Make any necessary spray applications. Remove unsightly foliage and pinch back growth as needed to shape plant.

A Checklist For Pre-Winter Chores

1. Seed bare spots or establish new lawns of fescue before late October.
2. Give roses their last fertilizer feeding.
3. Last call to get Madonna lily bulbs in the ground.
4. Transplant hollyhocks.
5. Stop fertilizing mums when flower buds show color.
6. Check to see if azaleas, camellias and rhododendrons need to have added mulch.
7. Continue to spray roses.
8. Pull up all annuals that have completed their life cycle and gone to seed.
9. Give strawberries a feeding.
10. Fertilize and lime fescue lawns according to soil test results.
11. Continue to disbud dahlias and large-flowered mums.
12. Have soil tested. Get information from your County Agricultural Extension office regarding procedures.
13. If you have a cold frame, plant seeds of: columbine, calendula, English daisies, pansies, sweet William, violas and forget-me-nots.



Nasturtiums For Winter

Nasturtium seed can be grown for indoor flowering during winter months. Place the container in a sunny window.

Use poor soil for nasturtiums. Soil that is too fertile results in rank leaf and stem growth, with few flowers produced.

After seed germinate and plants begin to grow to produce leaves, pinch back plants to keep them stocky and compact.

The vivid colors—which range through yellows, orange, red and burgundy—add a cheerful note to the home in winter. The climbing nasturtium makes a striking window garden plant.

Fresh Autumn Vegetables

It's possible to have fresh vegetables on the table until well into autumn. Seed to be planted now are: mustard, turnip, leaf lettuce, radish, spin-

ach and kale. You can also plant onion sets now.

Mulching with three or four inches of pine straw, clean hay or leaves keeps moisture in and weeds down. If rainfall is scant, supply sufficient moisture.

Garden Compost

Of continuing importance is the gardening practice of composting leaves and other garden refuse. Never burn or throw them away. You can help both your community and yourself by making use of them. Grinders, compost hasteners, fertilizers and lime all help to decompose the compost pile—making it ready for use in the garden next spring.

Hasten To Root Cuttings

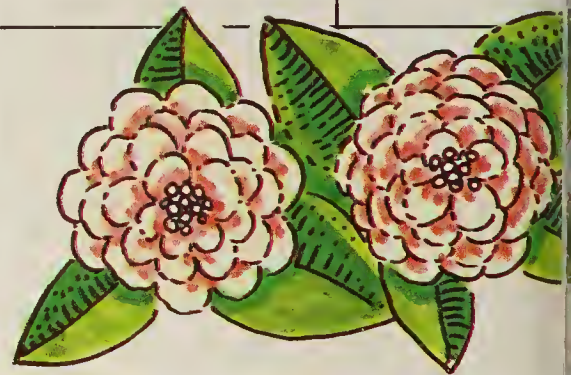
There's not much time left for propagating shrubs. Hurry to make cuttings of such plants as hydrangea, azalea and ligustrum. Begonia, geranium and coleus are fast rooting for winter houseplants.

Treat all cuttings with a root-inducing hormone to speed formation of roots.

Dried Flowers For Winter

Statice, strawflowers, cockscomb and other flowers well suited to be dried for winter bouquets should be cut at the right time.

Tie them in bundles. Hang upside down in a cool, dry spot until fully dried.



Time To Thin Out Camellias

As flower buds continue to develop on camellias, be sure plants have ample water to prevent loss of these buds.

For larger blooms, thin out the flower buds in each cluster. Leave only the largest bud on each shoot.



HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE

By Hank Smith

To Prepare Flowering Beds

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purchase just as soon
as bulbs are placed on
display. This will
assure fresh, plump
bulbs that have not
been subjected to
periods of drying heat
indoors.

Separate Perennial Phlox

About every third or fourth year, divide big clumps of perennial phlox into thirds. Early fall and early spring are the best times to plant and transplant them.

Keep in mind that these plants thrive in full sun or partial shade. That is, if they are grown in somewhat rich and deep soil that stays moist during hot, dry weather.

Should your garden have a light soil, plant the phlox in a partially shaded area. Where there is loamy or well-cultivated clay soil, plants may be set in a sunny location. In most cases, a partial shade is an advantage even in loamy soil because it helps plants stay in bloom longer during hot, dry weather.

Dig soil about one foot deep and mix plenty of decayed manure with the lower layer of soil. Apply remaining soil around roots to set plants at the same level where they were growing before digging. Mulch plants with compost, peat moss or decayed manure.

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Students Honored At Co-op Council's 1989 Youth Camp

Two Tar Heel youths were selected as award winners at the North Carolina Cooperative Leadership Camp recently at White Lake.

David Correll, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Correll of Rt. 1, Cleveland, was selected as winner of the Thad Eure Leadership Award, and will attend the National Institute of Cooperative Education, July 24-27, 1990, in Indianapolis, IN. The national event is sponsored by the American Institute of Cooperation.

Correll was sponsored at the camp by Southern States Cooperative, Richmond.

Kelly Brady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brady of Sparta was selected as an Outstanding Camper at the camp, and will also attend the National Institute of Cooperative Education in July. She was sponsored at the camp by Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Lenoir.

The camp is an annual program sponsored by the N. C. Cooperative Council.

Duke Homestead To Open New Exhibits

Tobacco's "golden" advertising will be the subject of one of the new exhibits at Durham's Duke Homestead State Historic Site opening Oct. 1. The new exhibits, which will double the site's existing display area, will cover several facets of tobacco history, cultivation and manufacturing.

The advertising exhibits give visitors an idea of tobacco ads of the past, using all media — radio, print, television and more.

The new exhibits are a joint effort of the Tobacco History Corporation and Duke Homestead.

Duke Homestead State Historic Site, an agency of the Department of Cultural Resources, is located in Durham. Take Guess Road exit off I-85 to Duke Homestead Road, right on Duke Homestead Road one half mile. For details, call the homestead at 477-5498. Admission is free.

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New Revenue Source: The 'Politician Tax'

Here's a new idea for raising government revenues at all levels: a "politician tax" that could be used to reward elected officials for their good stewardship of public funds.

The tax was suggested in a tongue-in-cheek letter from Coy Mercer Jr. of Rt. 1, Albertson, who said recent maneuverings

in Congress and the North Carolina General Assembly demonstrate the "urgent need" for new sources of state and federal revenues.

"In order to obtain the increased revenues," he wrote, "we need to impose a new federal and state income tax on all politicians. The new tax would be imposed on

the entire political community...."

Since most members of this community fall into "upper income tax brackets," he said, this special tax would be an incentive for them to "control government spending, reduce the federal deficit and lead to fairer treatment of the taxpayers."

Mercer said the new tax would rise or fall, depending on how well the politicians performed in handling public monies.

"Most important," he added, "the increased revenues would bring peace of mind to the politicians and further motivate them to get their hands out of the taxpayer's pocket."

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—Sen Thad Cochran
On allowing television coverage of Senate floor debates.

Contest Will Spotlight 'Favorite' Bureaucrats

Don't look for the "politician tax" to show up in a public referendum anytime soon, but you can vote for your "favorite bureaucrat" as part of a national contest offering a top prize of \$5,000.

To cast a "ballot" in the contest, you must have a story to tell about your own experience with a government bureaucrat who helped you in some way. If the tale is judged to be the best example of such assistance among those submitted, you'll win the cash prize.

The contest is being promoted by author Matthew Lesko as means of changing the public's negative attitudes toward government workers.

Lesko, who wrote *Information USA, Getting Yours* and *Government Giveaways for Entrepreneurs*, is trying to demonstrate that the federal government "is the world's largest source of information and money and that thousands of citizens use it every day to improve their lives," according to a recent news release.

The news release offered two examples of the kind of success stories that might be entered in the contest:

- A Charleston, SC, woman was 61 when she set her sights on starting a chocolate business. A government bureaucrat found her \$25,000 to start the business and helped her find office space and equipment at a discount, along with free management consulting services.

- A 16-year-old New England boy received a \$2,500 loan to start a lawn mower service. His earnings covered his tuition at a Boston college.

Judges in the contest will select three winners, each receiving \$500.

Each of the three winning bureaucrats mentioned in the stories will receive special plaque citations.

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the impact of government on the entrant's life.

Here's how to enter the contest: Send a brief, verifiable story of 500 words or less about how a government bureaucrat helped you. The bureaucrat can be a federal, state or local government employee but not an elected official. Send your story by Dec. 31, 1989 to: My Favorite Bureaucrat, PO Box 15700, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

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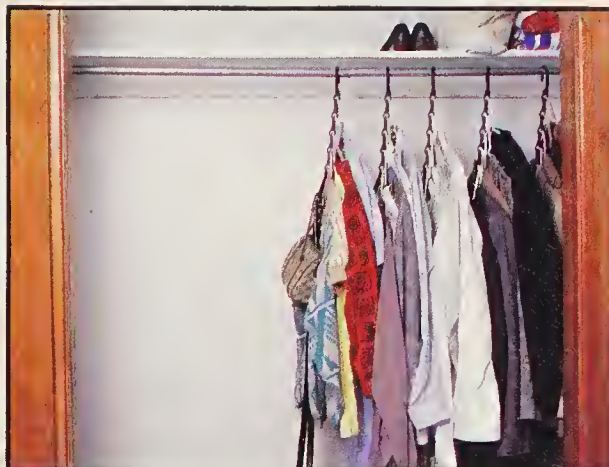
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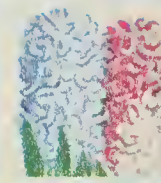
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PRINT MR. MISS
NAME MRS. MS.

ADDRESS _____ APT. # _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOW MANY	CAT. NO.	ITEM	COST
	112	Tulip Bulbs (50 for \$2.99 - 100 for \$5.89)	
	124	Crocus (15 for \$2.99 - 30 for \$5.79)	
	114	Daffodils (10 for \$2.99 - 20 for \$5.79)	
	161	Branching Tulips (10 for \$1.99 - 20 for \$3.89)	
	134	Parrot Tulips (6 for \$2.99 - 12 for \$5.79)	
	200	Cushion Mums (10 for \$2.99 - 20 for \$5.79)	
	212	Oriental Poppies (6 for \$2.99 - 12 for \$5.79)	
	693	Dutch Hyacinths (4 for \$3.99 - 8 for \$7.79)	
6	FREE	Grape Hyacinths if order received by Nov. 1.	0.00
6	FREE	Pink Debut Bulbs if order totals \$7.00.	0.00
6	FREE	Sunny Twinkles (plus 6 Pink Debut Bulbs) if order totals \$10.00.	0.00
6	FREE	Dutch Iris (plus 6 Pink Debut Bulbs and 6 Sunny Twinkles) if order totals \$14.00.	0.00

☐ Remittance enclosed, plus \$1.90 towards postage and handling.

TOTAL \$ 1.90

☐ Bill on my credit card plus \$1.90 postage and handling. Indicate below which credit card you wish to be billed on, credit card number, and expiration date.

GRAND TOTAL \$

☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ Amer. Express

Credit Card # _____

Exp Date _____